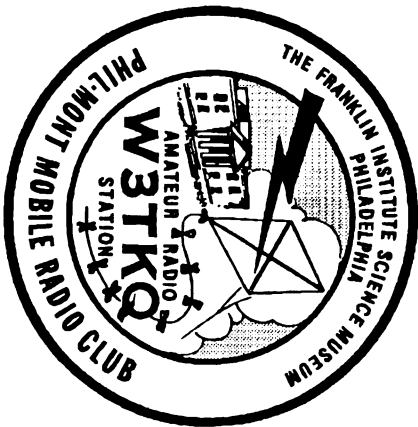


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Center City 103.5 Hz

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444.80 mHz (186.2 Hz PL)

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W3QV - 147.03 mHz. Repeater - 8200 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3BBB

W3RQZ - 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA - Trustee W3VVS

W3TKQ - The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3PWG

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SUNDAY	09:30	147.030	MHz FM	"SUNDAY MORNING 2 METER NET"
	10:00	28.993	MHz SSB	"10-ON-10 NET"
	10:20	3.993	MHz SSB	75 METER NET
TUESDAY	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	CW PRACTICE NET (RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER)
LAST WED	20:00	147.030	MHz FM	W3TKQ OPERATORS' NET



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09 Wayne Lewis - N3MUG*

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10 Natalie Gordon - WB3KOH

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12 Grace Smith (XYL K3GBA)

14 Bill Clayton - K3HIE

Larry Clifford - W3UY

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25 Jinny Haring - W3IIN

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31 Steve Hoch - WU3I

*Indicates New Member 1992-93

HELP PHIL-MONT

Are you planning to join ARRL or renew your current membership?

Remember: the ARRL is more than just a magazine subscription!

Help PHIL-MONT by joining or renewing through the club.

Contact Jinny, W3IIN, for the details.

MEMBERSHIP STATS

At press time P.M.R.C.has:

158 FULL PAID MEMBERS

15 FAMILY MEMBERS

3 HONORARY MEMBERS

5 PENDING MEMBERS

HAM TALK

Gil Gilpin, W3SRU

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), an amateur radio national organization. The ARES is designed to perform radio communications during and following emergencies or disasters that occur in the country. Each ARRL Section, such as Southern Florida, has a Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) and assistant Emergency Coordinators (ECs), appointed by the Section Manager. These coordinators oversee ARES operations within their respective areas.

ARES Nets, consisting of amateur radio operators who call-in, are usually held on-the-air weekly. These nets are not affiliated with, or sponsored by, any area amateur radio club. They operate independently within the ARES. Net members do not have to be members of the ARRL. Operations during Public Service events, such as parades and marathons, often include radio communications concerning police, fire and medical types of emergencies, and provide excellent training for net members.

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service

(ARES) cooperates very closely with the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), and amateur radio operators are encouraged to become a member of both organizations. RACES operates under state and local Emergency Management Agencies (EMA), formerly known as Civil Defense (CD), and is regulated by the FCC. The types of communications handled by the ARES during an emergency often are the same as those handled by RACES, however communications by the latter are restricted to government related activities.

Recent major disasters, such as Hurricane Andrew, have made it evident that in large disasters local amateur operators require additional assistance. While they have performed well, amateur radio assistance response in the past has been unorganized and uncoordinated. Therefore, a movement is under way to establish "quick response," or "jump" teams consisting of operators trained as a team to go in and operate in disaster areas that they are unfamiliar with. These will consist of ARES/RACES teams. Radio equipment, and operating procedures will be standardized as much as possible for all of these teams.

The Loggerhead Ham News, Sanibel Island, Florida

CORRECTION!

*Sam's
CORNER*

ERNIE · W3D\$G
HAS 2
BIRTHDAYS!
ONE
ACCORDING
TO THE BLURB
AND
HIS ORIGINAL
JUNE 12



The PREZ SEZ

Ed Masarsky, KB3IV



America's longest and richest single day bicycle race took place Sunday June 6th. From the start at 9am, to the finish at just past 3pm, over half a million spectators lined the 14 mile course from Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Parkway, along the Schuylkill river, to the hillside community of Manayunk and back. Elite professional racers from 17 nations completed the course 10 times, for a total race distance of 156 miles.

Phil-Mont has provided communications for all 9 CoreStates Races held in Philadelphia. Our job was to alert course marshals that the riders and support vehicles were approaching their locations. That way the spectators lining the course could be kept out of harm's way. We also passed any emergency traffic to net control so that they could notify the proper services as to what was needed.

I want to thank all the amateurs who participated in this event. Even though Phil-Mont runs this operation every year, not all participants are club members. We had newly licensed hams participating along with old timers.

Special thanks to K2SVX, the Channel 6 repeater on 145.27, for again allowing us to use their system. It gave us complete HT coverage of the entire racecourse. Also thank you to Bill, N3FVI who, along with our Special Events Chairman Charlie, AA3EP, (formerly KA3EBC) put this operation together. Bill attended the meetings of the race coordinators and officials, and obtained all credentials and 'T' shirts for the operation. He once again rode the entire 156 mile

course on his BMW motorcycle, equipped with dual band VHF and UHF radio, cellular phone, and police radio. Great job Bill (next year you have to do it on a race bike!).

We are all looking forward to next year's race, and hope to see more new faces out on the course giving a hand. Thanks again to all who participated this year.

STRANGERS IN OUR MIDST

I want you to stop for a minute and look at the cover of this month's *BLURB*. You will see our resident artist, Sam Kuncovich's rendering of the new Philadelphia Convention Center. Why did we choose this as the cover? Many more visitors will be coming to Philadelphia now that the center is open. This also means that many more hams will be visiting our city. How will they know what is happening in ham radio in this area?

Many hams pack two essential items when they travel, an HT and a Repeater Directory. The latest ARRL Repeater Directory lists 4-2 meter repeaters under the Philadelphia listing. '03 is one of those listed.

Phil-Mont wants to make everyone feel welcome on '03, especially those from other call districts and other countries. While monitoring '03, if you hear an unfamiliar call, respond to it. Make that person feel welcome; give him/her information about ham activities, nets, radio stores, directions and most importantly W3TKQ. If you can't help, call for someone who can. '03 is monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Someone will be able to give the right information.

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LOOKAHEAD

- July 1 License Examinations at
The Franklin Institute
- July 7 **General Meeting Program:**
"The Official Observer Program"
by Bill Mannino, WA3NSP, OO
- July 14 Directors' meeting at
WB3KAC's
- July 18 *Cancer Society Bikeathon*
- Aug 4 **General Meeting**
- Aug 5 License Examinations at
The Franklin Institute
- Aug 18 Directors' meeting at
W3IIM&N's
- Sep 1 **General Meeting**
- Sep 2 License Examinations at
The Franklin Institute
- Sep 8 Director's meeting
- Oct 6 **General Meeting**
- Oct 7 License Examinations

HAMFESTS

- Jul 25 TIMONIUM, MD
Brats
- Aug 8 WARRINGTON, PA
Mid-Atlantic ARC
- Aug 15 EASTON, PA
Delaware-Lehigh ARC
- GEORGETOWN, DE
Delmarva
- Aug 21-22 VALLEY FORGE, PA
HamShows
- Aug 29 MULLICA HILL, NJ
Gloucester County ARC
(Note new date)
- Sep 12 GAITHERSBURG, MD
Foundation for Amateur Radio
- Sep 19 PENNSAUKEN, NJ
South Jersey Radio Association

V.E. TEST LOCATIONS

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring a their original license and one photocopy of it. All applicants, including children, must present positive ID. Also bring the original, and a copy, of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 1993 test fee is \$5.60; there is no charge for a Novice test.

Monthly, 1st Thursday
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Monthly, 3rd Thursday
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Bill Helmatag
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Irregularly
BRYN MAWR
Bob Lees
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Monthly, 1st Thursday
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Dave Heller, K3TX
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Irregularly
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The 96 Over The Hill Gang
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Monthly, 3rd Wednesday
MORRISVILLE
Dave Munson, NM3K
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Monthly, 1st Monday
POTTSTOWN
Warren Erdman K3ZXQ
(215) 679-5764

Monthly, 3rd Monday
TELFORD
Warren Erdman K3ZXQ
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Monthly, Last Saturday
UNIVERSITY OF PA
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Odd Months, Last Wednesday
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W3VVS, world's smallest mobile, as pictured in the April, 1953 issue of CQ magazine.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL



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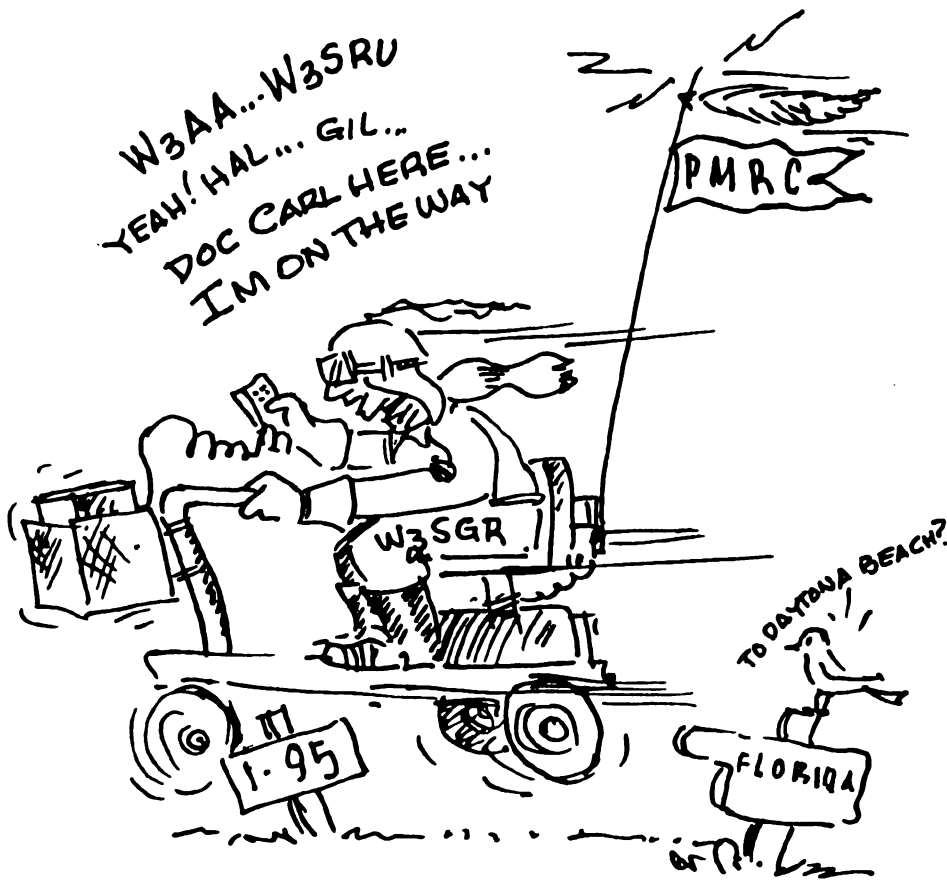
their tests to get a license, and all the information is in the exams, but actual real live hams get more respect for what "help" they may extend rather than some multiple choice examination.

Phil-Mont sends all of its newly accepted members paperwork that very clearly informs all of what would be the most acceptable procedures for conducting themselves while in 147.030. This same information is attached to the club's directory. Although this is not mandatory reading, it is highly recommended. New hams can use it as a guide to assist them in feeling comfortable, those first couple of

weeks on the air. While the veteran ham community could use it as a reminder of what we should expect from ourselves while on the air.

So, the next time you find yourself cringing at the sound of a poor operator, don't be quick to criticize. Remember, there are a couple of hams you likely know that have the same style, and have been in the hobby for quite some time. All you did in that case was get used to it.

Pick up your mike and lend some sensible advice. Better yet, lead by example! New dogs and old dogs can learn many new tricks. Proper Operating Procedure is one trick we all should learn.



Dr. Carl brings new meaning to the term 'mobile radio'!

MINUTES

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Steve Hoch, WU3I, Secretary



KB3IV opened the 523rd general meeting at 7:30 in the Mussers Choices Forum. There was no attendance taken and no 50-50 sold.

AA3BB on membership, reported on the acceptance of two new members at the May Directors' meeting. The new members announced were N3OOV, Charles Phelps and N3LPM, Eyan Hagerty. WELCOME!!

AA3EP (ex KA3EBC) reported that the

coverage for the upcoming CoreStates bike race was complete for all stations along the course. Charlie reminded all about the American Cancer Society Bikathon on July 18.

KB3IV gave instructions on the upcoming CoreStates race, and closed the meeting at 7:45 (well he said it would be a short meeting) and all adjourned to the Omniverse Theater for the viewing of The Tropical Rain Forest. 128 attended the show.

'PREZ SEZ' continued from page 3

NEW LISTING

I am also pleased to announce that the September printing of the Philadelphia Visitors' and Convention Guide will include information on W3TKQ, and on its 24 hour information phone number. More details will follow in next month's BLURB. Remember, that "'03 is the right place to be." Let's keep it that way.

ANOTHER PHIL-MONT FIRST

Finally, Phil-Mont would like to extend a hearty Mazel-Tov to club member Aaron, KD4PWG, who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday June 26. Attending were many (you should pardon the expression) 'hams' from Phil-Mont. 'Great job Aaron.

I believe this is a Phil-Mont first. There are Phil-Monters who have been Bar Mitzvahed, but not while they were club members. Aaron is the first to become a club member, and then go through the ceremony. Again congratulations to Aaron and his family.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the July meeting.

An open letter to:

Mr. Angelo Drammissi, N3YUN, and Mr. Salvatore Valente, NS3Y

Dear Angelo & Sal,

It is a pleasure for me to acknowledge your participation in the 1993 session of The Franklin Institute HAM Radio Workshop. This joint effort by The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, and The Institute, exists to serve its combined membership, and to promote Amateur Radio as a resource, ready to serve country and community.

You are the most important ham the students will ever meet. Attitudes and opinions they form in class about the hobby will stay with them for the rest of their lives. Thank you for the very important contribution you have made to the lives and minds of the students who attended the classes. Your encouragement and support serves as a living example of the spirit of the Radio Amateur.

Sincerely,
Ted, N3FTZ

MINUTES

Steve Hoch, WU3I, Secretary

JUNE DIRECTORS' MEETING

KB3IV opened the meeting at 8:08pm at the home of W3BBB and his wife Elaine. Attending were: KB3IV, W3IIM, W3IIN, W3PXY, K3GBA, K3KUD, W3BBB, WU3I, N3DHI, W3IRS and AA3BB.

W3IIN reported the treasury was holding its own with income more than double expenses for the period since the general meeting.

W3IIM is looking for a rotor controller with an RS232 interface for computer control of the map display at W3TKQ. The August *BLURB* will be a special issue devoted to the 100th VE session that month. Articles appreciated.

AA3BB reported that we had 5 new applicants to vote on this month. They were N3OWM, Ted Katz; N3OWJ, Geoffrey Mendelson; N3OOL, Bill Kane; N3NJJ, Michael Fisher; and KB3AIS, Jim Lear.

IIN made the motion to accept the applicants W3IIM seconded. There were no dissenters. There are two for next month.

KB3IV reported on the activity of the new net controls for 2M who are N3KGG, Dave; N3NRU, Ted and KB2ERL, Bob. All three have survived their baptism of fire on the nets and are doing well. A fill is needed for 75M due to the absence of AK2I (you all remember him don't you?).

KB3IV for N3GMH reported on the July program as being WA3NSP, Bill Mannino, an Official Observer for the FCC. (This meeting is mandatory attendance for you know who.)

KB3IV for N3IEI reported on the follow up by Malcom Poindexter on the STS-56 program to be aired on his "Newsmakers" program on Channel 3 in the future. Listen

to .03 for the upcoming date in case we don't get it for press.

W3BBB reported that the repeater is working, and there is a noise in the offsite at Southampton that needs to be found and dealt with.

KB3IV for AA3EP (ex KA3EBC) reported on the results of the CORESTATES race and the fine job done by all. We had a large amount of new hams and first time operators for the race and all went well. Thanks to all who helped. The Cancer Society Bikathon will be held on July 18. Contact Charlie to help out.

WU3I for AK2I via 20M reported that Jake was alive and well in North Dakota. There is a problem with the KAM into the TS 450 with a hum on the TX audio on voice. Under investigation to fix at this time. The SSTV will be connected to the Ten Tec HF rig ASAP, other projects pending.

W3BBB will be in ASAP to cut-in the new panel to install the new computer and take measurements to secure the rear of the console. If there are any technical problems please contact WU3I on the air or at home I would like to know so I can fix the problems. If you are able to make repairs, I still would like a report to stay current on any problems.

NEW BUSINESS

W3PXY reported on contact with the Boy Scouts in Bucks County and the resurgence of Paddlerama (boy oh boy, if you thought a bike race was fun you ain't seen nothin' yet!). George reported that they have 16 canoes registered for this year, however we have not enough lead time to prepare. George will keep in contact with the Scouts, and we hope to revive this PMRC activity

OLD DOG, NEW TRICKS

Bob Wilcox, KE3CZ

Many times new hams will make their first contacts on 2-meter repeaters. The Phil-Mont machine may be the one that the new ham chooses to try first. This should be noted by every member, and for that matter, every user of the repeater, so that we all present a welcome atmosphere.

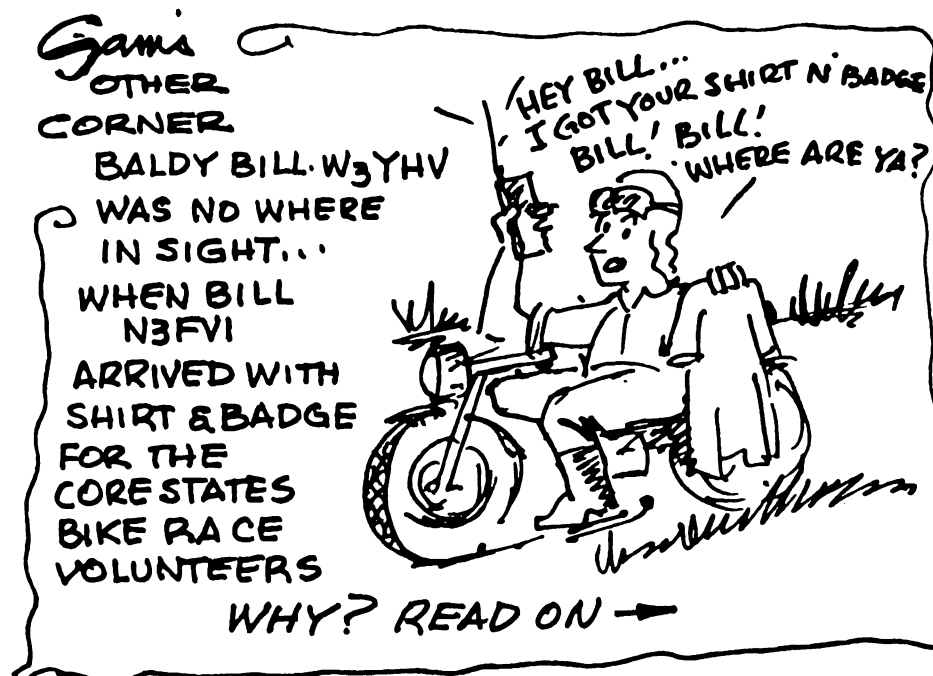
Another point is that, while many a seasoned ham will sit grunting to him or herself at a new ham, with regards to how they are operating, we must remember that most of these folks have waited in excess of eight weeks for their tickets to arrive, and presumably could be copying their poor operating procedures from some of us to whom they may have listened over the scanner or a radio, while waiting for the mail-carrier to arrive.

What it boils down to is: what have you done to make the issue non-existent. Harshly criticizing the new ham surely will set him

straight, but it may only be straight off the air. Telling him in a kind way would best serve the spirit of Amateur Radio and most likely be more friendly to the person in question, therefore more helpful. But to be honest, the seeds should have been sown long before this.

How many times do certain, so-called experienced operators purposely walk the fine line of Part 97. I have actually been told, by hams who, in effect, have just rewritten the rules for themselves, that certain profane language is okay on simplex frequencies. In fact, these hams even supported their claim by saying that on two meters you only have to watch yourself on repeaters, because they cover a wider area. The callsigns of these hams who gave me this "great advice" are of some vintage, supposedly suggesting true knowledge of the hobby.

Now, I know that everyone has to pass



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 WI-03 Kenwood TR-7950, 2 mtr base/mobile 300
 WI-04 Kenwood SW-2000 w/SWC-2
 HF/VHF power & VSWR meter 75
 WI-05 Kenwood PS-430A,
 13.8VDC/20A supply 100
 WI-06 Bearcat 220 programmable all-band
 scanner receiver 50
 WI-07 Realist PRO-75 channelized
 all-band scanner receiver w/crystals 25
 WI-08 Lafayette 99-28934 HF/VHF
 pwr meter (new) 15

All have been tested, in good operating condition,
 excellent to good appearance, includes all cables,
 regular accessories & manuals. Items WI-01 & WI-
 02 have spare ni-cad packs & extra accessories.

Contact 'Frenchy', W3IRS
 (215) 356-9299 for offers or details.

Dr. Carl and friend try their new dining room.

"The hamburger is on its way, but we don't have any mice."

98TH MONTHLY VE SESSION STATISTICS JUNE

25 candidates pass 23 elements
 6 new amateurs plus 5 upgrades

VE team members:

Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q, Chairman

Russ Stafford, AA3CH; Bob Wilcox, KE3CZ; Barb Levine, AA3DV; Niel Leone, W3FZR;
 Steve Hoch, WU3I; Vince Braxton, K3SNZ; Al Tribble, W3STW

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next year. More info will follow in subsequent stories in the *BLURB*.

KB3IV reported on the success in getting a mention of W3TKQ in the Philadelphia Convention Center and Visitors' Guide. This will be in its September printing. You are all reminded that we are one of the FOUR repeaters listed [in the repeater directory] in Philadelphia for 2M. When you hear a NEW voice on the repeater greet them appropriately. The new convention center will be bringing a lot of new hams to the area.

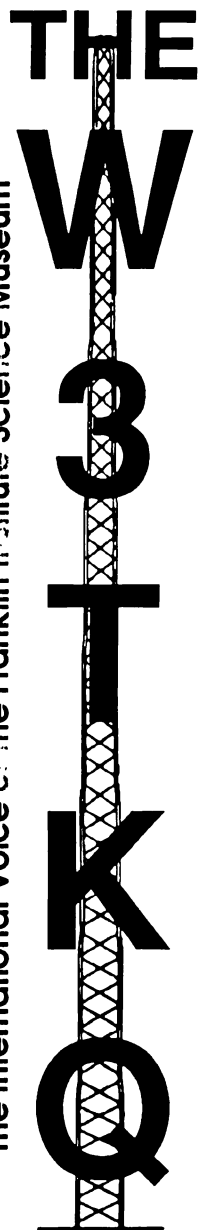
A motion to close was made by AA3BB at 9:55 p.m. A second was made by K3KUD. Thanks to Elaine and Jim for their Hospitality.

Speaking of 'New Ham'

Congratulations to Chris and Lisa Brady, N3IEI & KA3VIL, on the birth of their daughter

Caitlin

on June 15th.



REPORT

by
Jake Kovalchek,
AK2I

W3TKQ calling!

Jack Haring, W3IIM

Is there any other place in the world where as many youngsters are exposed to amateur radio as at W3TKQ? Though it may be all too brief and fleeting an encounter, they'll remember it for a long time. Frequently you'll hear present-day hams refer to their first exposure to the hobby, many years ago at The Franklin Institute. I wonder what it is that today's visitors will remember about their visit, and the on-the-air contact that they had.

Perhaps that they didn't understand half of what the "contact" said, because they didn't know what all those letters and numbers meant that the other person kept repeating;

That they never knew when it was time to answer, particularly when the other person went on and on, in typical ham fashion, rather than in short-sentence, conversational mode;

That they had trouble understanding the person because the signal was so scratchy;

That the person spoke to them like they were a little child, or;

That the person spoke to them as an adult, when they were really only 6 years old, and had a verrrry short attention span because of all the surrounding activity;

Or that it was a pleasant, brief but interesting moment, because the person they spoke to understood that the whole experience was totally new, and somewhat overwhelming. That they were drawn into a real conversation, which made them want to talk longer, rather than feel nervous because they never really knew what the other person was talking about, or was not asked short, interesting questions.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

We all must remember what's happening when these museum visitors are thrust in front of the microphone. We should speak clearly, in very short sentences, *always* ending in an equally short question (which ideally should require more than a yes or no answer). Then we should immediately release the mike button *without* all the call-letter baloney. All that 'ham' lingo does nothing more than confuse the visitors. For example, "QTH" means nothing to these folks, as do all the call-letters that we love to use when we can't think of a better way to end a transmission. Try just saying 'over' if it's a problem for you.

IT'S COMMON SENSE!

The points here are simple:

- Please don't respond to a request for "a conversation with a

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SHORT CIRCUITS

from the ARRL Atlantic Division News

The Novice and Technician question pools change on July 1. The new edition of ARRL's NOW YOU'RE TALKING has a blue cover. We shouldn't "help" prospective hams by giving them used copies of outdated manuals. ARRL/VEC does not plan to charge a fee for Novice tests or for Techs taking the 5 wpm code test to gain HF privileges.

The FCC will permit issuing of club and military station calls by organizations in the private sector which meet certain criteria. The Commission will begin accepting applications in late July from organizations wishing to be callsign administrators. The League will apply, even though recovery of costs will not be allowed. Requests for club callsigns should not be sent to ARRL until a public announcement is made that a program is in effect.

Amateur licenses begin to expire again in late 1993, when the first ten-year tickets reach their time limits. Because our licenses last so long, it is easy to forget when they expire. We all need to get back in the habit of checking the date once in a while.

New hams can thank their teachers with an ARRL "Elmer Certificate." Write to the Educational Activities Department at ARRL HQ and ask for one. Then spring it on "Elmer" or "Elmira" at the next club meeting!

Have you been an ARRL member for 25 years or more? The League awards attractive certificates and plaques to thank long-term members. Write to the Awards Desk at ARRL HQ, stating how long you think you've been a member, and listing any ex-callsigns under which your records might be found.

NOVICE EXAMS COME UNDER VEC SYSTEM

The FCC has announced that effective July 1, 1993, all Novice testing comes under the VEC system. *The old two-examiner system must not be used after June 30!* Three people with official Volunteer Examiner credentials will be required to give Novice tests. Generals are now permitted to become VEs, and they will be allowed to give Technician tests (with or without code) as well as Novice exams. Generals are cordially invited to become ARRL VEs. For information on how to get ARRL/VEC credentials, call 1-800-9-ARRL-VEC.

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Abington, Pennsylvania 19001

Dear Sirs:

Thank you very much for your kind and generous donation to TPARC. The costs of updating our data base and betterment of the TPARC operating system are greatly eased by your contribution. We plan that the updates and changes will lead to a better TPARC, with faster response time and better decision making capabilities. At the present time, we are dealing with a mass mailing to all repeater owners known to TPARC in an effort to update our information and locate any available frequencies. Again, thank you for supporting our organization.

Very truly yours,

Jerry Smedley, WB3BLG, for the staff at
TPARC



NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

CALL: N3OWS
NAME: Stephen Mezey
HANDLE: Steve
CLASS: Technician
ADDRESS: 1712 Monterey Drive
 Norristown, PA
 19401
HOME PHONE: (215) 292-0732
BUSINESS PHONE: (215) 660-6100
OCCUPATION: Comm. Engr.
INTERESTS:

CALL: N3ZO
NAME: Ronald Johnson
HANDLE: Ron
CLASS: Extra
ADDRESS: 5726 Poplar Street
 Philadelphia, PA
 19131
HOME PHONE: (215) 477-6451
BUSINESS PHONE:
OCCUPATION: Engineer
INTERESTS: Net Control, VE program

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visitor" if you have lousy audio, are in a poor signal area, or you hate kids.

• The "TKQ operator should give you a clue as to the approximate age of the visitor, and even if it's a boy or a girl. You won't make any 'points' if you suggest that they're the opposite sex! And you should attempt to 'engage' that person in a meaningful experience, knowing that it will be a brief, but lasting memory.

• Never, never use any words or 'lingo' that will be confusing. They'll have enough

Life Goes On....

W3SGR

So I got to the nursing home, registered and said hello to Sally, back of the desk.

I started for the elevator.

Before me stood a woman looking at the wall between the men's room and the women's room. I started for the elevator again when Sally whispered "stick around" with her giggle.

So I did.

After a short wait, the staring woman pulled herself together and went into the men's room.

Now what? I thought, can't she read?

I turned again to the elevator, but got another whisper "stick around."

I did.

Out of the women's room came a man, and with a smile I looked at Sally.

"When you have to go, you gotta go!" she answered.

trouble just hearing you through all the background noise at the station. Remember too, that many visitors are not from the Philadelphia area, so your usual points of geographical reference will be meaningless to them! It's almost like working DX on the repeater. They're not all locals, and even if they are, 6 year olds usually don't know where Trevoise or Croydon are!

• Finally, if you have trouble understanding soft spoken children, whether by virtue of the condition of your hearing-aid, or the noise conditions in your immediate area, please don't even try to help-out. You'll only make things more confusing than they already are!

Oh, by the way...

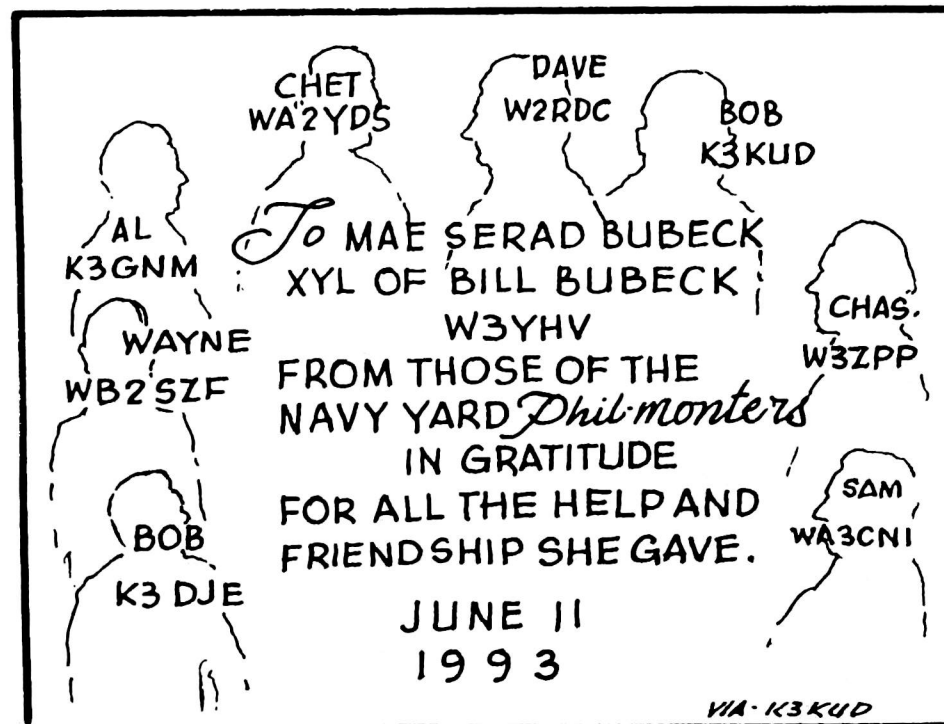
There's an ugly rumor going around that Jim, W3BBB, is enjoying Jake's vacation. Meanwhile, it's almost like chasing rare DX when we hear about the latest contact with Jake on the R-V Service Nets! We didn't receive his regular article this month, so you got stuck instead with my ramblings.

Mae Bubeck

XYL of Bill, W3YHV passed away on June 11, 1993 after a long illness.

Mae was probably best known by Phil-Mont's "Shipyard Gang" both as a co-worker, and as one who provided a great deal of advice and assistance to the *BLURB* staff in the areas of copying, printing and collating. Her capable and willing assistance was evidence of her affection for Phil-Mont and its members.

Our sympathy to Bill, W3YHV on his loss, and our thanks for having known Mae.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 LICENSE EXAMS at The Franklin Institute Registration begins at 6:00 Doors close at 6:30 PM <i>sharp!</i>	2	3
4 2M NCS KB2ERL 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS W3PWG <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6	7 GENERAL MEETING at The Franklin Institute Refreshments at 7:00 PM Meeting starts after 7:30	8	9	10
11 2M NCS N3FTY 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS AA3CH	12	13	14 DIRECTORS' MEETING at WB3KAC's	15	16	17
18 2M NCS K3JJO 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS AA2FU <i>Cancer Society Bikeathon</i>	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 2M NCS NS3Y 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS NEEDED <i>Brats' Hamfest</i>	26	27	28  OPERATORS' NET at 8 PM	29	30	<i>Success is a marathon, not a sprint.</i>